

# Entanglement of Local Operators in large N CFTs

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Renyi entropies for excited states
- Large N and large c
- Holographic analysis
- Summary/Future directions

# AdS/CFT (“early”)

[Maldacena]  
[Witten,GKP....]

Physics of local  
operators in CFT



Physics of Strings on AdS

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1) \cdots \mathcal{O}(x_n) \rangle = \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi_0(x_1)} \cdots \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi_0(x_1)} Z_{\text{Gravity}}[\phi_0(x)]$$

Lots of developments: 2 & 3-pt functions, Integrability

Well understood and explored...

# AdS/CFT (“modern”)

Entanglement



Spacetime  
Geometry

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A^d)}{4G_N^{d+2}}$$

[Ryu, Takayanagi'06]

Holography, quantum many-body physics, QFT, information theory....

Time dependent phenomena, thermalization,  
global and local quench

Universal Laws of entanglement?  
Entanglement thermodynamics?

This Talk:

[intro: M.Nozaki's]

## Entangled look on early holography

(Can we learn anything new about local operators in CFTs from  
the perspective of entanglement ?)

Universal physics of excitations created by a local operator acting  
on the ground state  
(milder version of a local quench)

$$|\psi\rangle = O(x) |0\rangle$$

Main Tool:

Relative Renyi entropies for states excited by local operators

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(t) &= \mathcal{N} \cdot e^{-iHt} e^{-\epsilon H} O(0, x^i) |0\rangle \langle 0| O^\dagger(0, x^i) e^{-\epsilon H} e^{iHt} \\ &= \mathcal{N} \cdot O(w_2, \bar{w}_2, \mathbf{x}) |0\rangle \langle 0| O^\dagger(w_1, \bar{w}_1, \mathbf{x}),\end{aligned}$$

Reduced  $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho)$

$$\Delta S_A^{(n)} = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \left( \frac{\text{Tr}(\rho_A^n)}{\text{Tr}(\rho_A^{(0)})^n} \right) = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \left[ \frac{\langle O(w_1, \bar{w}_1) O^\dagger(w_2, \bar{w}_2) \dots O(w_{2n}, \bar{w}_{2n}) \rangle_{\Sigma_n}}{(\langle O(w_1, \bar{w}_1) O^\dagger(w_2, \bar{w}_2) \rangle_{\Sigma_1})^n} \right]$$

Connection with AdS/CFT: Large N or large c

(n=2)

$$\frac{\langle O(w_1, \bar{w}_1)O(w_2, \bar{w}_2)O(w_3, \bar{w}_3)O(w_4, \bar{w}_4) \rangle_{\Sigma_2}}{(\langle O(w_1, \bar{w}_1)O(w_2, \bar{w}_2) \rangle_{\Sigma_1})^2} = |z|^{2\Delta_O} |1-z|^{2\Delta_0} G_O(z, \bar{z})$$

At late time  $(z, \bar{z}) \rightarrow (1, 0)$ 

In rational CFTs

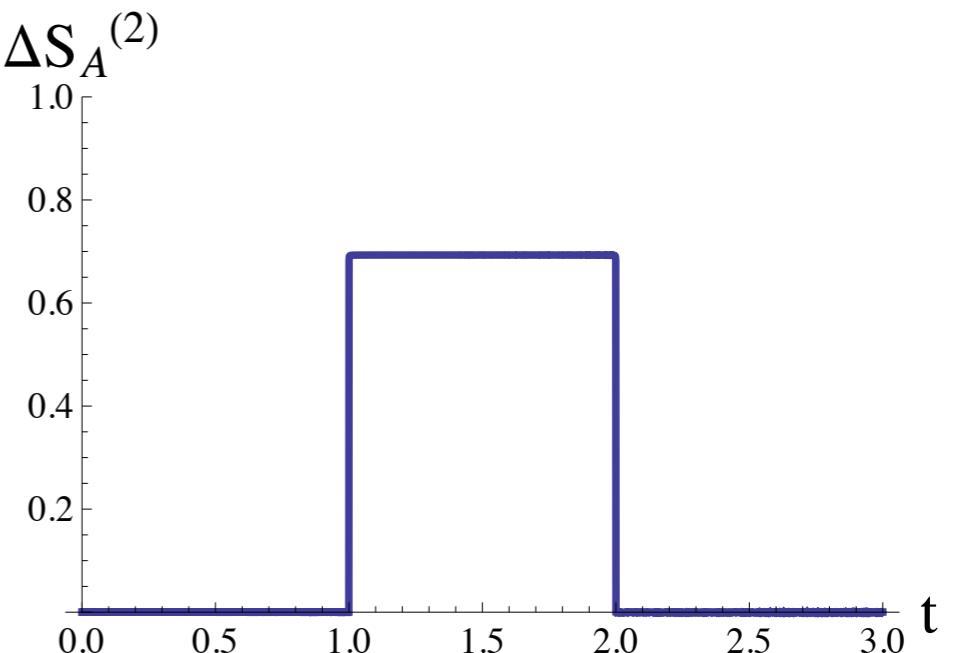
$$G(z, \bar{z}) \simeq F_{00}[O] \cdot (1-z)^{-2\Delta_O} \bar{z}^{-2\Delta_O}$$

$$\Delta S_A^{(2)} = -\log F_{00}[O] = \log d_O$$

$$d_\Delta = \frac{S_{0\Delta}}{S_{00}}$$

quantum dimension

“EPR pair propagating through the system”



# 2d CFTs at large c

[PC,M.Nozaki,T.Takayanagi14]

Conformal block expansion

$$G(z, \bar{z}) = \sum_b (C_{OO^\dagger}^b)^2 F_O(b|z) \bar{F}_O(b|\bar{z})$$

at large central charge c

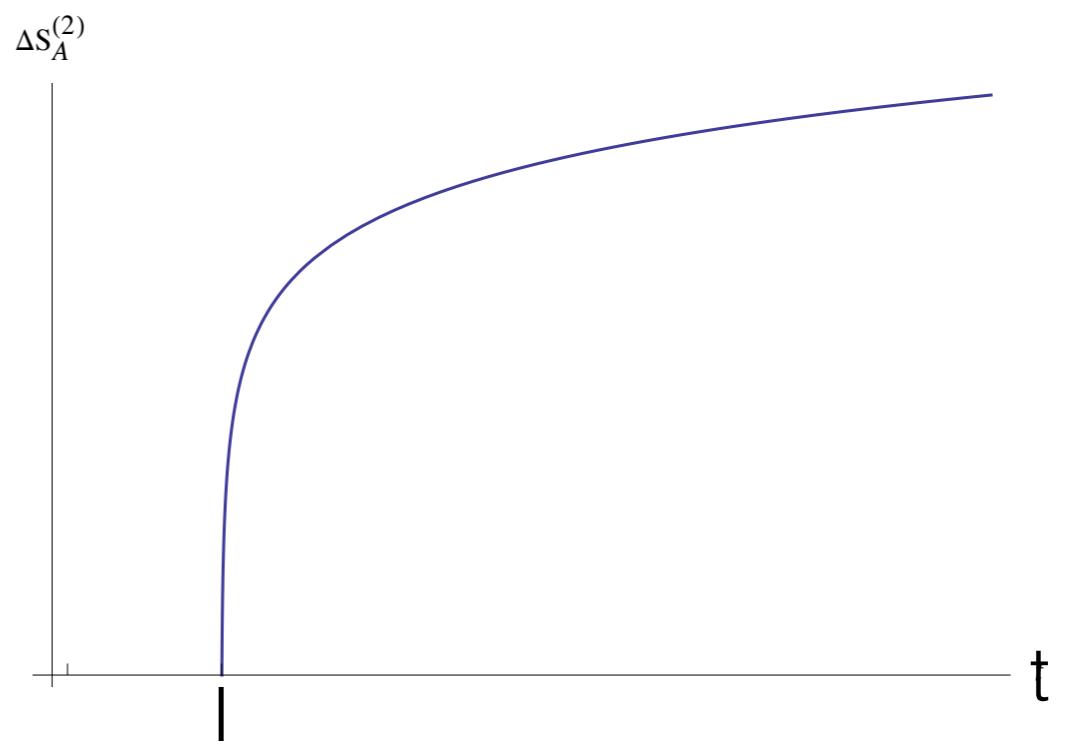
[Fateev,Ribault'11]

$$F_O(b|z) \simeq z^{\Delta_b - 2\Delta_O} \cdot {}_2F_1(\Delta_b, \Delta_b, 2\Delta_b, z)$$

at late time

$$\Delta S_A^{(2)} \simeq 4\Delta_O \cdot \log \frac{2t}{\epsilon}$$

similar to a local quench



# CFTs and large N

Operator:

$$Tr(\mathcal{Z}^J) = Tr(\phi_1 + i\phi_2)^J$$

e.g. J=2 (Free Field)

$$\Delta S_R^{(n)} = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \left( 2^{1-2n} + \frac{1}{2^n N^{2(n-1)}} \right)$$

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$n \geq 2$

$$\Delta S_A^{(n)} = \frac{Jn - 1}{n - 1} \log 2$$

( $n=1$ ) von-Neuman entropy

$$\Delta S_R^{(1)} = \log \left( 2\sqrt{2}N \right)$$

Ground State

$N^2$  d.o.f

Both scale as  $c \sim N^2$

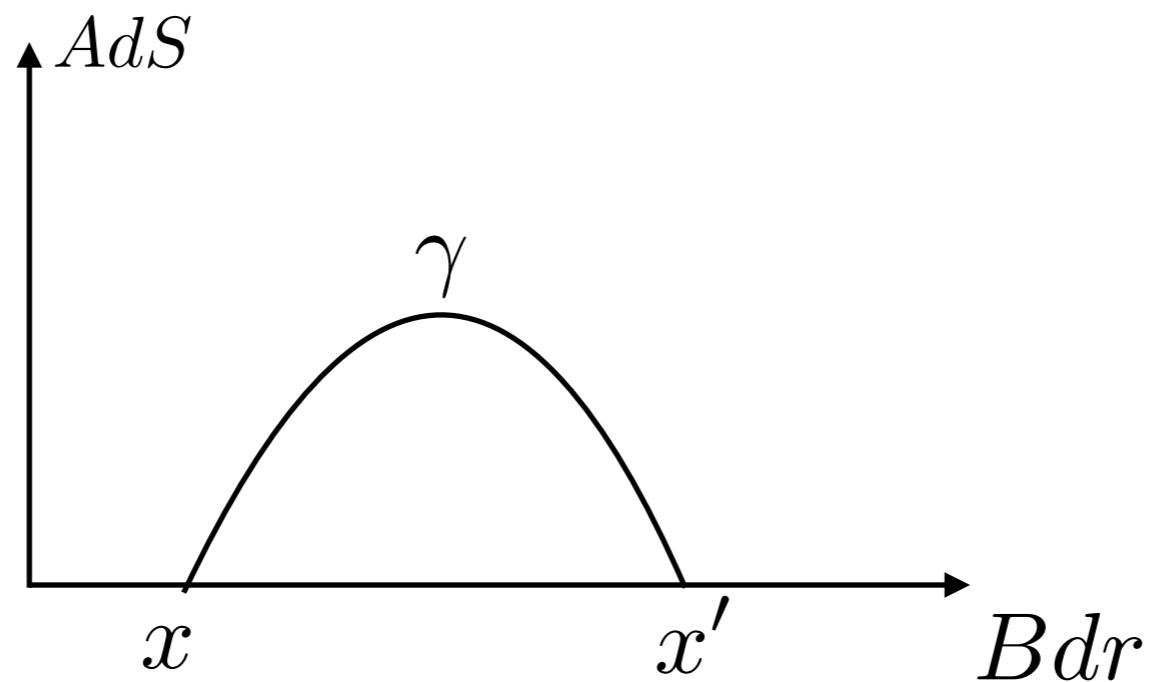
# Holographic Checks

# Geodesics and propagators

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1) \cdots \mathcal{O}(x_n) \rangle = \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi_0(x_1)} \cdots \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi_0(x_n)} Z_{\text{Gravity}}[\phi_0(x)]$$

for operators with “large” conformal dimension (semiclassical)

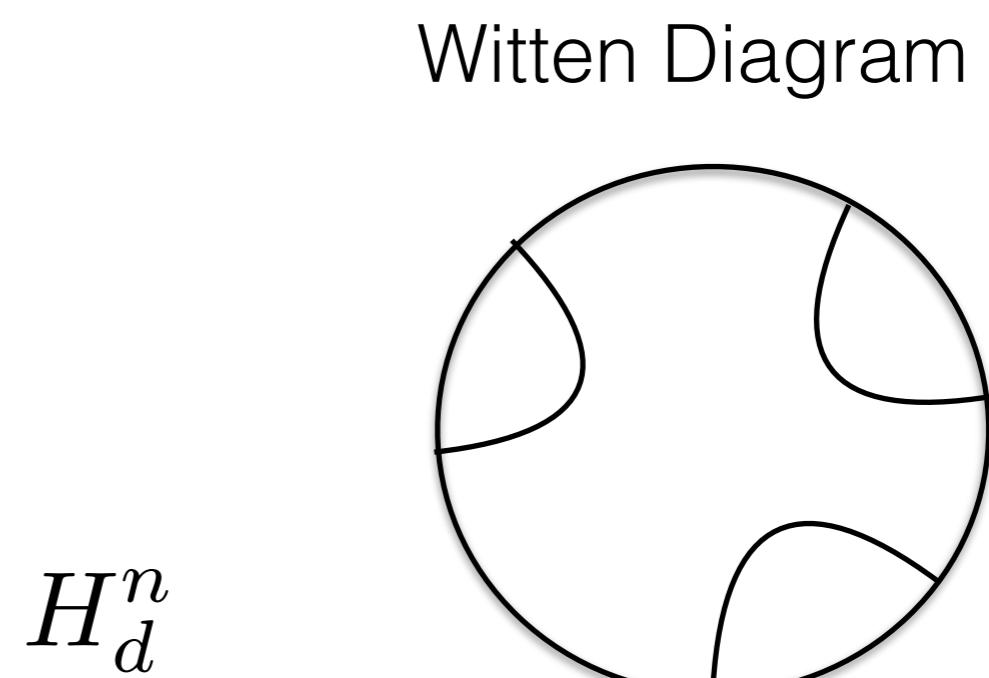
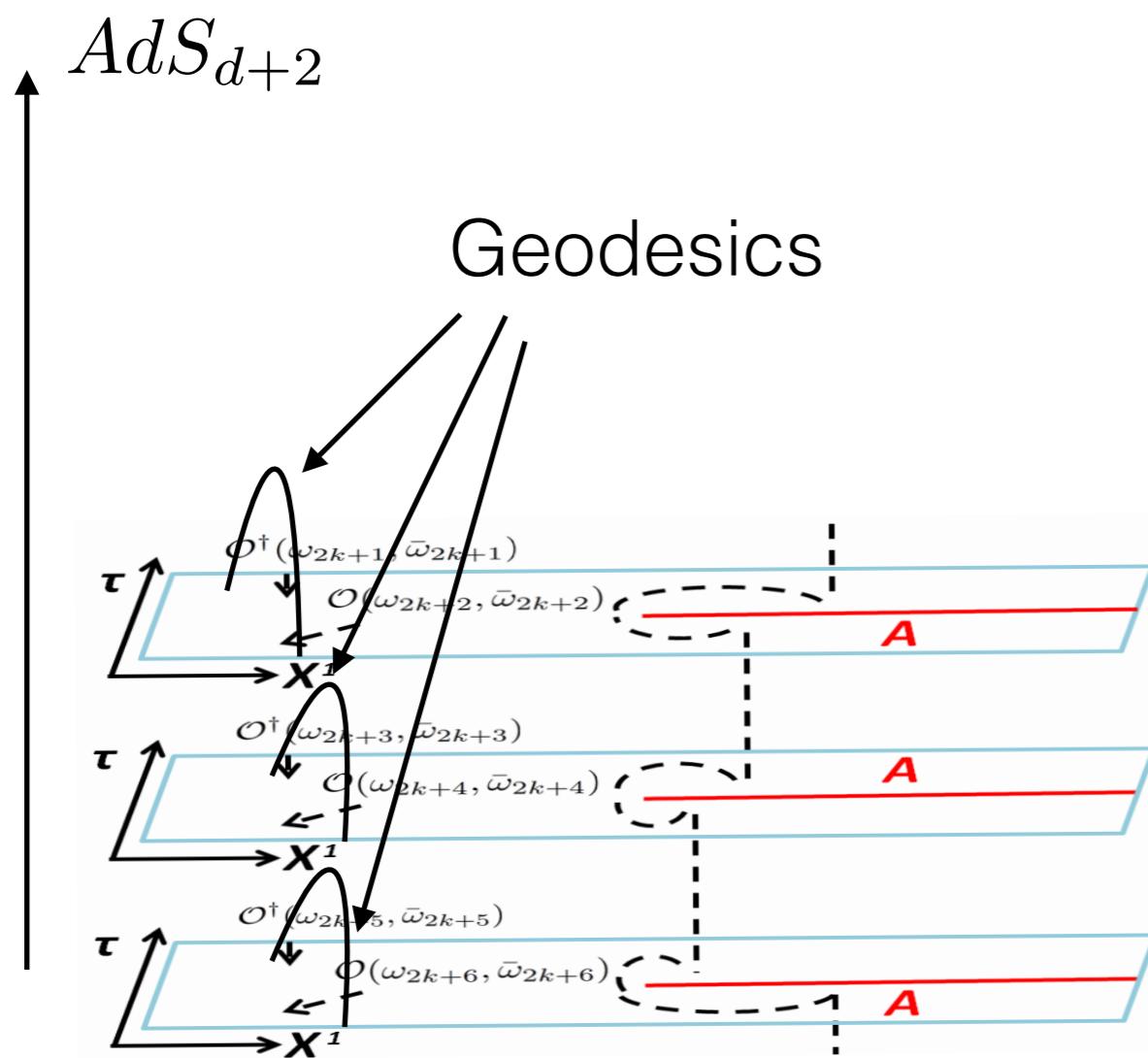
$$\langle \Phi_\Delta(x) \Phi_\Delta(x') \rangle \sim e^{-\frac{\Delta}{R} L(\gamma)}$$



# Geodesics in topological Black Holes

[Emparan'99]

horizon  $H_d^n$



# Geodesics in topological Black Holes

$$ds^2 = f(r)d\tau^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\phi^2 + r^2 e^{-2\phi} dx_i^2$$

$$f(r) = -1 - \frac{\mu}{r^{d-2}} + \frac{r^2}{R^2}$$

Temperature and “n”

$$\beta = 2\pi n R$$

holographic ratio of the propagators (eg d=2)

$$e^{-\frac{2\Delta_O}{R}(L^{(n)} - L^{(1)})} = \left( \frac{\cosh(\Delta\phi) - \cos\left(\frac{\Delta\tau}{R}\right)}{n^2 \left( \cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\phi}{n}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\Delta\tau}{nR}\right) \right)} \right)^{2\Delta_O}$$

perfectly matches the 2d CFT result

Results  $n \geq 2$

$AdS_3$

$$\Delta S_A^{(n)} \simeq \frac{2n\Delta_O}{n-1} \log \left( \frac{n \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) t}{\epsilon} \right) - \frac{1}{n-1} \log 2$$

higher d at late time

$$\Delta S_A^{(n)} \simeq \frac{4n\Delta}{d(n-1)} \log \left( \frac{F_{(d,n)} t}{2\epsilon} \right) + C_{(n,d)} - \frac{1}{n-1} \log 2$$

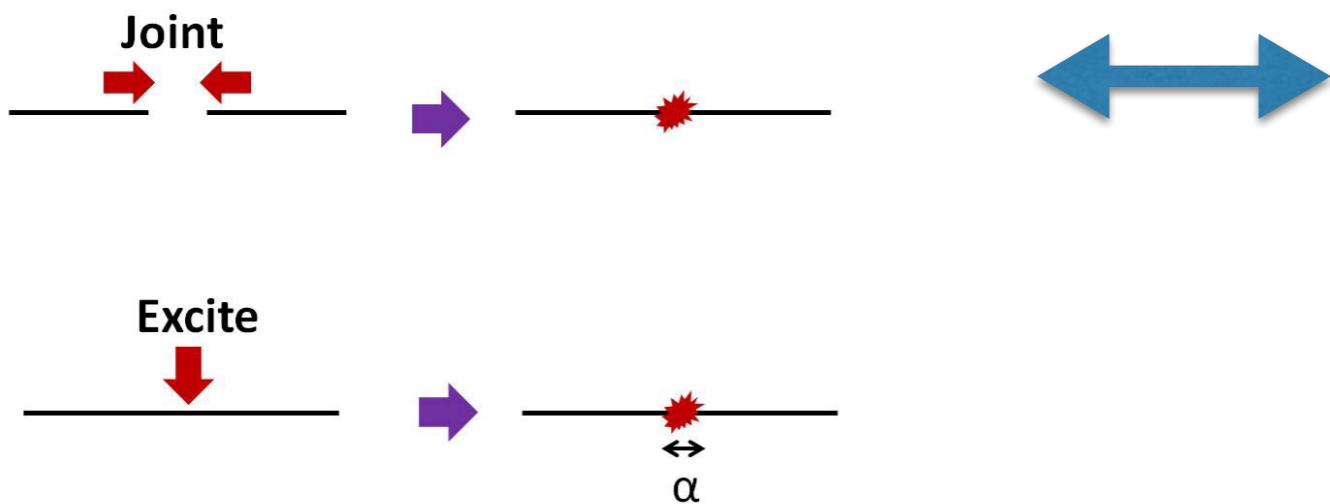
$n > 1$

$n > 1$  from holography?

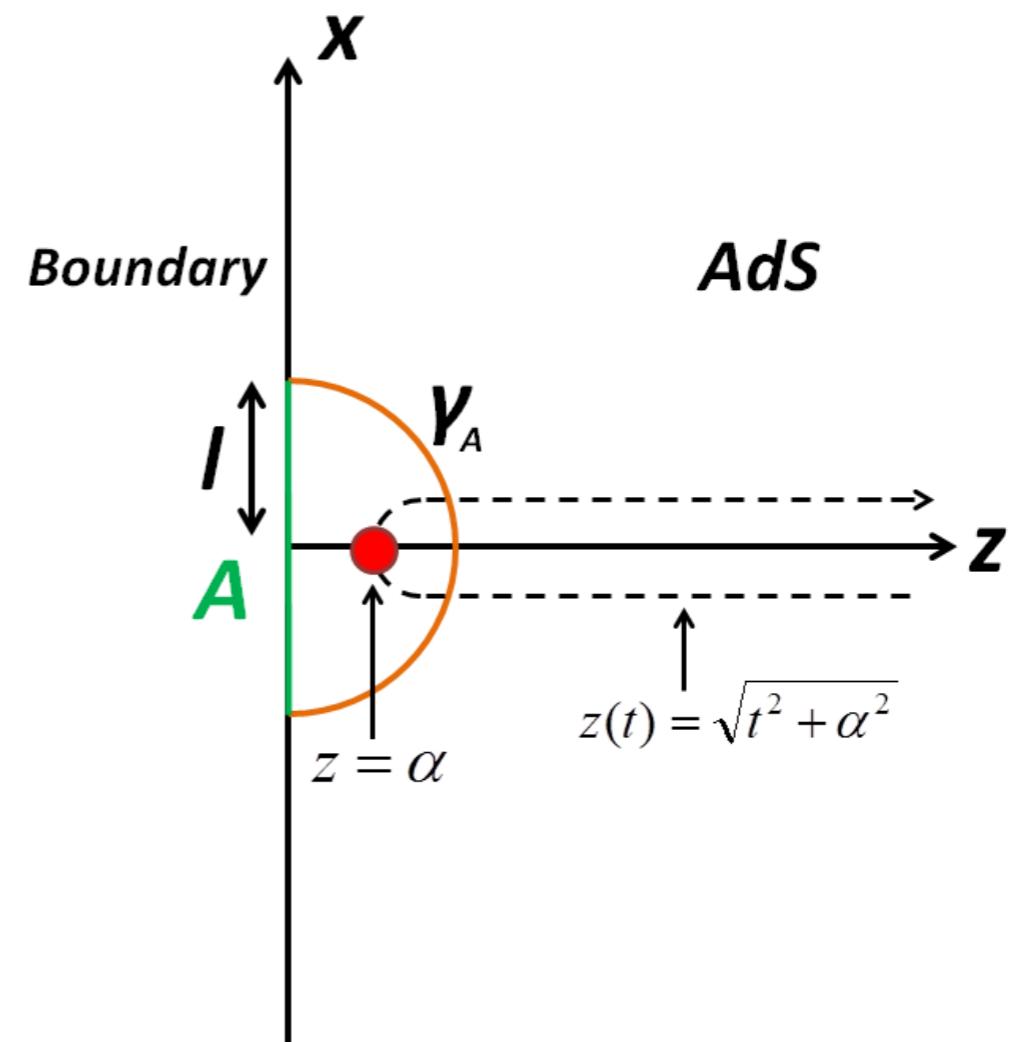
# Falling particle in AdS ( $n=1$ )

[Nozaki,Numasawa,Takayanagi'13]

CFT (chain)



In our setup:  $\alpha \equiv \epsilon$



$$\Delta S_A^{(1)} = 0 \quad (t < l)$$

$$\Delta S_A^{(1)} \simeq \frac{c}{6} \log \frac{t}{\epsilon} + \frac{c}{6} \log \frac{\Delta}{c} \quad (t \gg l)$$

# General picture (summary)

rational CFT

$$D_n = (d_O)^{n-1}$$

free field (large N)

$$D_n = 2^{Jn-1} + O(N^{-2})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta S_A^{(n)} &= -\frac{1}{n-1} \log \frac{\langle O^\dagger O \cdots O^\dagger O \rangle_{\Sigma_n}}{(\langle O^\dagger O \rangle_{\Sigma_1})^n} \\ &\simeq -\frac{1}{n-1} \log \left[ \frac{1}{D_n} + \mu_n \cdot \left( \frac{\epsilon}{t} \right)^{\nu_n} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Large c  
(strongly interacting)

$$\Delta S_A^{(n)} \simeq \frac{\nu_n}{n-1} \log \frac{t}{\epsilon}$$

$$\nu_n \simeq \frac{4n\Delta}{d} + O\left(\frac{\Delta^2}{c}\right)$$

$$D_n \sim e^{b_n \cdot N^{a_n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{\nu_n}{n-1} \simeq c$$

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## Our Results:

- von-Neuman ( $n=1$ ) and Renyi entropies behave very differently
- Naive large  $N$  limit breaks down for the Entanglement Entropy
- Universal scaling of the Renyi entropy for excited states at large  $c$
- Holographic analysis consistent with large  $c$  and large  $N$  analysis...

Thank You